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ALLENSTOWN WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CONCORD, NH BANK ROBBERY

Re: United States v. Cheryl Anderson

Concord, New Hampshire—United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono today announced that Cheryl Anderson, 43, of Allenstown, was sentenced by the United States District Court to 9 years and 2 months in prison for robbing the Merrimack County Savings Bank in Concord, New Hampshire, on February 22, 2002. She was also ordered to pay restitution to the bank. Anderson had pleaded guilty to the robbery on October 10, 2002.

ANDERSON entered the bank with a bag in the early afternoon of February 22, 2002, and told a bank employee that she had thirty seconds to fill the bag with money. The bank employee complied with ANDERSON's demand and put approximately \$4,000 in United States currency in the bag. ANDERSON left the bank on foot.

ANDERSON's prior criminal record, which included robbery and attempted robbery convictions in the State of Florida, resulted in her being classified as a career offender under the federal sentencing guidelines. The government and the defendant agreed to reduce her sentence by three and one-half years, from 12 years and 7 months to 9 years and 2 months because none of ANDERSON's prior convictions involved the use of a firearm.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono expressed his appreciation to the Concord Police Department for its excellent investigative work in this case. U.S. Colantuono said: "This case was solved within a few days of the robbery because of the exemplary investigative efforts of detectives from the Concord Police Department. The United States appreciates the dedicated work of the detectives who so quickly solved this case."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.